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1. Extremely heavy motor traffic has been observed in Stendal (M 53/Y 85) since 28 August 1950. About 40 driver schools had motor vehicles in operation day and night. Motor convoys and individual vehicles were daily seen driving toward Gardelegen between 28 August and 5 September 1950.

2. Thirty-five motor vehicles carrying about 300 soldiers and towing three AT guns were observed going toward Gardelegen between 9 and 11 p.m. on 28 August 1950. Motor vehicles towing an AT gun, were identified.

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3. Seven empty trucks returned from the direction of Gardelegen about 10 p.m. on 28 August 1950. Heavy traffic of individual motor vehicles was observed in Stendal on 29 and 30 August 1950.

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4. A convoy of 34 trucks proceeded toward Gardelegen on 31 August 1950. About half of the trucks carried high loads covered with canvas. The other trucks were occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts. Two trucks towed field kitchens.

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5. A column of 12 T-34 tanks with dimmed lights moved toward Gardelegen at 11 p.m. on 30 August 1950. Three SP guns, coming from the direction of Gardelegen, entered the Hindenburg Kaserne at about midnight on 31 August 1950. They left the installation at 9 p.m. on 1 September 1950, heading toward Gardelegen.

6. A convoy of 10 motor vehicles occupied by about 120 soldiers and towing four 75-mm AT guns, went toward Gardelegen at 10:15 p.m. on 1 September 1950.

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7. Ten trucks carrying about 250 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and towing three field kitchens moved into the Hindenburg Kaserne at 4 p.m. on 29 August 1950, coming from Gardelegen. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
8. Twenty-three empty trucks [redacted] returned from Gardelegen on 4 September 1950 at about 11 p.m. The trucks entered the Hindenburg Kaserne and the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne.
9. The number of troops in the Tarentzien Kaserne could not be determined because troops daily left for, and returned from, Gardelegen. However, [redacted] there was no change in the 50X1-HUM occupation. Combat training was not observed in the billeting area. The troops seemed to be primarily engaged in the training of drivers, using trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM Other motor [redacted]
10. Troops wearing black-bordered crimson, red-bordered black, and black epaulets were still observed in the Hindenburg Kaserne between 28 August and 5 September 1950. Intensive training of drivers on trucks, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
11. The Albrecht der Baer Kaserne still quartered about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 50X1-HUM some of the troops went to the Gardelegen area for field training because no training activity was observed outside the 50X1-HUM billeting area. Only intensive drivers' training on trucks [redacted] was observed. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- * Comment. All motor vehicles observed in the heavy traffic in the streets of Stendal and between Stendal and Gardelegen belonged to headquarters units of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, and elements of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. The movement of motorized columns observed in Stendal and on the road toward Gardelegen on and after 28 August 1950 was probably connected with field exercises held in the area south of Salzwedel in late August and early September 1950. [redacted] 50X1-HUM The soldiers on the numerous driving-school trucks were presumably recruits who had arrived in Stendal in June 1950.

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